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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, EG, SF, OGEN

SUBJ: HIJACKED VC-10

REF: TUNIS 7216

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTI CALLED ME TO AIRPORT TO
REQUEST URGENTLY THAT USG AND PARTICULARLY SECRETARY
KISSINGER "PERMIT" EGYPT TO RELEASE FEDAYEEN, AS
DEMANDED BY HIJACKERS IN ORDER TO SAVE LIVES OF VC-10
PASSENGERS. CHATTI SAID THAT WHILE NEGOTIATIONS
ARE CONTINUING, TUNISIANS BELIEVE HIJACKERS ARE
DETERMINED TO BLOW UP PLANE AND PASSENGERS IF DEMANDS
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ARE NOT MET SHORTLY.

2. GOT BELIEVES THAT REASON EGYPT HAS REFUSED
RELEASE FEDAYEEN IS BECAUSE OF EGYPTIAN DESIRE TO PLEASE USG.
3. CHATTI SAID BOTH ABOU IYAD AND PALESTINIAN FROM KHARTOUM GROUP,
WHO HAVE JUST TALKED AND PLEASED WITH HIJACKERS, ARE CONVINCED
HIJACKERS ARE COMING TO THE END OF THEIR TETHER. THEY BELIEVE
THEY ARE IN SUCH A DISTRAUGHT STATE THAT THEY WILL IN ALL
PROBABILITY CARRY OUT THEIR THREAT.
4. I EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW TO CHATTI THAT USG UNLIKELY TO
ACQUIESCE IN TUNIS REQUEST SINCE IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT OUR POLICY
TO GIVE IN TO BLACKMAIL AND IN THIS CASE MURDERERS OF TWO AMERICAN
FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS ARE INVOLVED.
5. CHATTI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS BUT NOW THERE IS HUMANITARIAN
QUESTION OF SAVING SOME 40 PERSONS.
6. ACTION REQUESTED. IMMEDIATE REPLY TO PASS TO CHATTI.
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